

## **FHSVMPPO MEETING MINUTES**

**November 19, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting were approved by Mary Beth Duchseneau and seconded by Kathy Davis.

The treasurer's report was provided by Tom McGorry. It was approved by Mrs. Kessler and seconded by Kathy Davis. The audit has been completed and there were no problems found. It was decided that this will be carried out annually.

Elections were held for the executive board positions. Gerry Roche was re-elected for president, Mary Ann Kostura was re-elected for vice president, Tom McGorry was re-elected for treasurer and Barb McGorry was re-elected for secretary.

Mrs. Volpato reported that the choir retreat was awesome with great student leadership. The winter concert is shaping up to be another awesome performance. District chorus try-outs have been completed and it was announced that three of our choir members have been chosen!! All students who tried out were acknowledged. Country chorus will be held in January. The choir will also be performing the National Anthem at the winter sporting events. They are also starting to rehearse for the coffee house which will be held in February (weather permitting).

Student activity fees were discussed. Mrs. Volpato stated that she was advised that student account balances cannot be posted according to the student ID number due to privacy laws. We are still working on a way to post this information while still protecting the student's privacy. Please be patient. Any questions regarding the student accounts can be directed to Mrs. Brenda Cahill.

Tickets for the winter concert will be \$5.00 each as usual. Senior citizens must present their gold card to get in for free. Each senior must have their own card. These cards can be obtained at the BASD administrative offices building.

Mrs. Kessler gave an update on the uniforms for the choir members. The choir gowns have been altered and are ready to go. Gentlemen will be required to purchase a pair of black dress pants, belt, shirt and tie from the choir. This is a \$65.00 purchase and can be used for the entire time the student is with the choir. The student will then own the clothing once they have graduated. This is a big savings over having to rent a tux every year. As always, any student with financial difficulties should speak to Mrs. Volpato and arrangements can be made to help with any dress or outfit purchase.

Kathy Davis has sent out a Sign Up Genius for donations of baked good or water for the winter concert. If you did not receive the email, she does not have your email address. She had an excellent response for the retreat. Thanks to everyone who donated!!

Mrs. Duchseneau gave an update on the Disney trip. The cost is \$1600.00 per person including tag alongs. There is a \$300.00 NON-REFUNDABLE cash or check deposit due on 1/26/16. This cannot be taken out of the student's account or fundraised. Future payments of \$225.00 would be made monthly. These can be fundraised and taken out of the student's account. The last payment is due on July 16, 2016. There will be a mandatory trip meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> – STAY TUNED!!

Shannon McGorry spoke about the annual toy drive held by the choir to benefit the children who are hospitalized over Christmas at Lehigh Valley Hospital's Children's Hospital. Donations are being accepted now. You can either donate cash or a new, unwrapped toy. Toys will be purchased with money collected and will be dropped off at the hospital by Mrs. Volpato and Shannon. Thank you for your help in this very worthwhile service project!! A collection will also be taken up at the concert. Please pass the word!!

Fundraisers are ongoing including Giant and Shoprite gift cards. Please see Mrs. Duchseneau for purchase of these gift cards. All other fundraisers were reviewed by Mrs. Roche. Many thanks to both of these ladies for their very hard work in providing these fundraising opportunities.

Meeting closed at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting February 11, 2016, 6:00 pm. See you there.